

Biography of
THE HONORABLE MARY ANNE SALMON
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



CHAIRMAN - ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
SENATE DISTRICT 31

Senator Salmon represents Senate District 31, which is comprised of the northern part of Pulaski County in central Arkansas. During the 88th General Assembly she serves as co-chair of Arkansas Legislative Council and vice-chair of the Senate Education Committee. She also holds membership on the following committees: Legislative Joint Audit; Joint Budget Committee; Joint Performance Review; Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development; and Senate Efficiency.

During the 87th General Assembly, Senator Salmon served as vice-chair of the Senate Children and Youth Committee and held membership on the following committees: Joint Budget; Education; Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development; Legislative Facilities; Legislative Joint Audit; and Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials. Senator Salmon was appointed by Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Johnson to help write legislation for the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery. She remains active on the Arkansas Lottery Commission Legislative Oversight Committee during the current legislative session.

Senator Salmon served then-Governor Bill Clinton as the state director for his presidential campaigns in 1992 and 1996. During the 1980s she was appointed the staff coordinator of Appointments to State Boards and Commissions by Governor Clinton. Additional legislative experience includes two terms in the House of Representatives in 1999 and 2001. She is also a former commissioner of the Lakewood Improvement District in North Little Rock.

Senator Salmon is very active in community affairs, serving on the boards of the Metro YMCA, Baptist Health Systems, Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy (CARTI) Foundation and Centennial Bank Board of Trustees. A former chairman of the Arkansas Tech University Board of Trustees, she presently serves on the Arkansas Tech Foundation Board as well as the Pulaski Technical College Foundation Board. Additionally, she has been a member of the North Little Rock, Maumelle and Sherwood chambers of commerce.

Senator Salmon has received numerous community and service awards. Most recently she was named a Pulaski Technical College Business of Art Honoree. In 2008, she was named Outstanding Woman Politician of the Year by *AY Magazine*. In 2003, she was named Senator of the Year by the Arkansas Circuit Judges Association, and she was named Senator of the Year by the Arkansas Police Chiefs Association in 2003 and 2005. She has been honored by the Metro YMCA board with the Johnny Heflin Humanitarian of the Year Award and by United Cerebral Palsy with the Reason to Believe Award. She was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Distinction at Arkansas Tech University, where the Student Government Room is named in her honor.

Senator Salmon was raised in Waldron and graduated from Arkansas Tech University. She is a former business owner and a retired music teacher from the Pulaski County Special School District. She and her husband, Don, have two adult daughters and four grandchildren and are members of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock.